THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The number of stations on the network of Vayudoot, at Present, is 93.

(b) and (c) As on March 6, 1989, services to only three stations were under suspension due to runway repairs.

Scheme of languages taught in Kendriya Vidyalayas

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SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the scheme of languages being taught at different levels and in different Vidyalayas and regions and of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) what is the basis therefor; and

(c) in what manner it is ensured that the teaching of languages does not adversely affect the wards of the employees transferable from one region to another?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) In order to conform to the Courses of study prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has reorganised teaching of languages at different levels in Kendriya Vidyalaya in different region as under:

(i) Hindi and English will continue to be taught as compulsory languages from class I to X in all Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(ii) In non-Hindi speaking States the regional language of the State has been introduced as third language in class VII in Kendriya Vidyalayas located in that State will be continued upto class X.

(iii) In Hindi-speaking States about 2/3rd of the Vidyalayas of the Region are required to teach one of the South Indian languages and the remaining 1/3rd are required to teach one of the modern Indian Languges viz. Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, Bengali, Assamese, Punjabi, Sindhi and Urdu from Class VII to X.

In addition, the students may offer one of the 7 classical and European languages on optional basis.

(c) The students would be allowed to pursue the earlier language they were studying as third language and the school would provide teaching support to the extent possible. A teacher will be provided if there are at least 10 students in the school offering the language.

Decline in country's position in publication of books

*194 SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's position in the matter of publishing of books has declined from 7th to 11th in the World with the gradual decrease in the number of books published in the country;

(b) if so, what is the annual percentage of decline in publishing of books in the country since 1986 and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?